MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*) : Are the Government aware that the withdrawal of the permits for the misconduct of the drivers will inconvenience the public to a considerable extent, and that the punishment of the drivers would be a better mode of punishment?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : This is a matter in which the Commissioner of Police is quite competent to take the necessary action, and he has made the arrangements which seemed to him best under the circumstances. He suspended only two or three buses; but, it is reported that there was a strike, and it is in consequence of the strike that some public inconvenience was caused.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*) : What I want to know is whether Government think that it is not better to punish the drivers for their misconduct instead of withdrawing the cars from public service.

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government are not aware of the particular breach of rules that these bus-owners were guilty of, and, therefore, they are not in a position to say what sort of punishment should be awarded.

Result of the English School Final Examination in 1925.

134. **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*) : (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the results of the last English School Final Examination so far as Travancore is concerned?

(*b*) If so, how do the results compare with those of the previous years?

(*c*) Is it a fact that the proficiency of candidates, as judged by the examination results in History and allied subjects, is quite unsatisfactory and much below the mark?

(*d*) How many candidates failed to secure the requisite number of marks in Translation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The percentages of applicants for the Travancore S. L. C. Examination declared eligible for admisssion to University courses of study are :—

1921	35·6
1922	41·9
1923	46·8
1924	42·5
1925	35·1

(*c*) Of 1,322 candidates in 1925 who took History of India or History of Great Britain and Ireland as optional subjects, 237 or 18 per cent. secured eligible certificates. Of the 1,085 candidates who failed to get

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eligible certificates, 63 failed in History only. The standard of proficiency was low as compared with the previous years and may be said to be below the mark.

(*d*) Of those who failed to secure eligible certificates, 496 failed in Vernacular Composition and Translation and 73 failed in Vernacular Translation only.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): With reference to part (*c*) of the answer, may I know whether the Government have investigated the cause of the low percentage of success in history and allied subjects?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): With reference to part (*b*), may I know if they investigated the cause of the failure in Translation and Composition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No enquiry was made.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be good enough to investigate the causes of the large failures in these two branches?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Registry of Lands to members of the Cheramar Community.

135 **MR. S. GNANA JOSHUA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total area of *puduval* and *poramboke* lands registered in the names of members of the Cheramar community in the Ambalapuzha taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No lands have been registered in the names of members of the Cheramar community in the Ambalapuzha taluk, as no applications were received from members of the community.

Work of the present Chief Engineer.

136 **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of days in which the Chief Engineer has been in camp in 1098, 1099, and 1100;

(*b*) the number of days he camped in the Chirayinkil taluk in 1098, 1099 and 1100;

(*c*) the distance travelled by him on horse-back, or on foot or on bicycle in 1098, 1099 and 1100; and

(*d*) the name of the gentlemen who held the office of the Chief Engineer in 1090 and 1095?

(2) Is it not a fact that Messrs. Bastow and Jacob used to be in camp a larger number of days than the present Chief Engineer, Mr. Natesa Aiyar?

(3) Has not the number of letters despatched from the Chief Engineer's Office decreased since the appointment of Mr. Natesa Aiyar,

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